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Willow Fest 2018

Archer Ave & Willow Springs Road

Free Admission and Parking

Thursday, August 2

4:00 - 10:00 pm

11th Annual Benefit Car Show — 4:00-9:30pm

All Around Amusement Carnival — 4:00-10pm

Music Line-up

D.J. Tom - 3:00-9:30pm

Frank and Dave Band— 6:30-9:30pm

Friday, August 3

4:00 - 11:00 pm

All Around Amusement Carnival— 4:00-11pm

Arts & Crafts Vendors— 4:00-11pm

Music Line-up

Double Identity — 4:00-7pm

Neverly Brothers — 8:00-11pm

Volunteers Spread Sunshine



Saturday, August 4

1:00 - 11:00 pm

All Around Amusement Carnival — Individuals with special needs and one companion ride FREE — 10am-12pm

All Around Amusement Carnival — 1:00-11pm

Arts & Crafts Vendors — 1:00-11pm

Music Line-up

Red Pop Fury — 4:00-7pm

Kickin Jimmy — 8:00-11pm

Sunday, August 5

12:00 - 10:00 pm

All Around Amusement Carnival — 12:00-10pm

FREE Pony Rides and Petting Zoo — 1:00-5pm

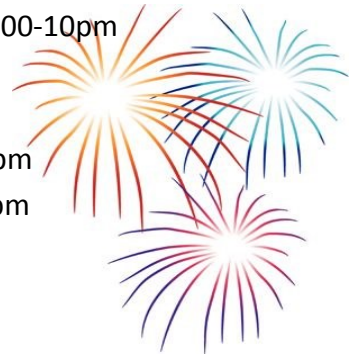
Arts & Crafts Vendors — 12:00-10pm

Music Line-up

Juke Box Band — 3:00-5:45pm

Whiskey Road — 6:30-9:30pm

Fireworks - 9:30pm



Willow Fest is a non-profit, which means that we rely heavily on the support of our community to keep the festival going. Please consider contributing to the festival this year by **Volunteering** your time!

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Senior Club News



My first 6 months as President of the Willow Springs Senior Club has been quite a rewarding experience.

In February we surprised our members with entertainment by the King-Bruwaert singers & dancers. They put on quite a fantastic show.

We followed up in March with our first Bake Sale of 2018. It was a great success. Thanks to everyone who purchased our goodies. Also in March, Helen Morgan from Resource 5 gave our members a talk about safety in the home.

In May, I attended the Willow Springs School 2018 graduation and awarded two outstanding students with a monetary award from the Willow Springs Senior Club.

Our picnic was held June 19th in Lions Park. Appetizers and sweets were supplied by our members. Lunch was ordered from Jack & Pats and consisted of fried chicken, twice baked potato and corn on the cob. All this was followed by a horse race and several games of Bingo.

It is with great sadness to report the passing of our Secretary and Historian Jean Faulk. She was the best - and her sense of humor and wit will be greatly missed.

The Willow Springs Senior Club is always looking for new members....so, if you are 55 & over and want additional excitement and new friends, please contact Jean Mrkacek 708-839-1491 for more information.

Looking forward to the rest of 2018.

Adrienne Hansen, President

Willow Springs Senior Club

Historical News for July 2018



We continue to work on our collection and request anything pertaining to the history of Willow Springs. We are always changing our display case and new items are being presented as we uncover them. We have also been delighted to welcome several new members this year.

As usual, we are open the 1st Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Drop in sometime and see the changes!

Jean Thode, President of the Historical Society

Clerk's Office News

We, at the clerk's office, are busily preparing for Willow Fest coming up on August 2nd through the 5th. There is considerably more to do at the event this year, with the traditional Car Show kicking off the weekend on Thursday evening. However, that's only the beginning! The Carnival also starts on Thursday and runs through Sunday. The music also runs all weekend long and you can stay all day because the food assortment will be amazing. The craft vendors arrive for Friday and stay all the way until the fireworks Sunday evening. We haven't had a good old fashioned carnival in town for many years. I don't know about you, but I'm excited!

Now that summer is in full swing we want to remind everyone of the clerk's office summer hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Friday. Summer hours end on Friday, August 31st.

The weather was brisk but dry this year for the Egg Hunts that took place at Lions and Willow Park. We had over 100 children signed up, fairly evenly split between the parks. The Easter Bunny arrived by firetruck to visit with the children and snap a few selfies before the kids scoured the park to round up every last egg.

Our Memorial Day Ceremony was very well attended this year. The Veteran's corner looked beautiful as we gathered for song, prayer and fellowship in honor of those who have given so much defending our country.

Don't forget to check the website often. There is so much useful information tucked in there. Village Schedule of Events, area job opportunities, local activities and community references are all waiting for you to discover.

The village signs didn't seem to do much to curtail all of the illegal fireworks this 4th of July. The Vets and pets in town most certainly **did not** enjoy all of the uproar. We would like to remind everyone that the fine for illegal fireworks is \$750.....just saying.

Speaking of signs, we have really been trying to up our sign game. If you have any cute ideas for the village sign, please send them to me. Think cute and seasonal, but keep it clean for the kiddies!
mjmannella@willowsprings-il.gov.



Public Works News

Clean Willow Day was a huge success with over 40 volunteers going all-out in a trash collecting, vegetation trimming, weed-pulling frenzy! The day was topped off with lunch and an open house at the newly improved Public Works facility. It was lots of fun and really rewarding to see everyone come together for such a huge effort. We are all looking forward to next year.



Forest Woods Drive and Blackstone Avenue are scheduled for complete re-surfacing , reconfiguring ditch lines and repairing or replacing culverts this summer. We will also be doing patching as needed throughout the village. Curb painting is currently taking place as well. The ravine clean out will also continue so the rainwater keeps on flowing.

Branch pick up will continue on Mondays. Please remember that leaves are not a part of branch pick up. Leaf pick up will resume in the fall. Until then, leaves need to be bagged or disposed of in your lawn waste bin.

Find a whopper of a pothole? Send Director Grantland an email at kgrantland@willowsprings-il.gov. He will get it taken care of in a jiffy!

The Splash Pad at Lions Park is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Come cool off in the park with your pals.

If you see one of the baseball fields at Lion's Park looking a little overgrown, have no fear! This is no willy-nilly oversight! At the behest of the Willow Springs School, we are turning one of the ball fields into a grass field for playing softball.

Finally, please be considerate of your neighbors. When trimming, please don't trim past your property line, over your neighbor's property...unless they ask you to!!

Willow Springs has a New Sheriff in town!

Chief Jim Ritz began his career in law enforcement in 1984 and rose through the ranks until he was appointed to his most recent position as Chief of Police for Berwyn. Chief Ritz also has extensive educational background including earning a BS and MS in Criminal Justice from Lewis University, graduating from the FBI National Academy Law Enforcement Leadership Development Program, and earning a second MS in Public Service Management from DePaul University. He has received many commendations and recognition for his work through the years, not the least of which was the receipt of a Congressional Record Life-Saving Award. As a member of various professional organizations, Chief Ritz has served on the board of the West Suburban Chiefs of Police Association and been actively involved with many others.



Since coming to Willow Springs, Chief Ritz has been out learning the community and getting to know its residents. He is diligently working on continuing to rebuild the pride and trust of the community in our professional law enforcement officers and department. He feels the department has high professional standards he intends to continue and is happy to have such an outstanding team to work with. We are pleased to have such a distinguished professional on our team and looking out for our community.

REPORT AIR QUALITY DISTURBANCE / ASPHALT ODOR

Please report any odors of asphalt in your neighborhood. Head to our website www.willowsprings-il.gov. Please follow REPORT ASPHALT ODOR link, complete and submit the form EVERY time you detect an odor of asphalt. You may also call the Village Hall to report.



Pleasantdale Park District and Village of Willow Springs sponsored the Annual Fishing Derby on June 16th at Lake Carriage Way. It was a beautiful day and a great turn out of young fisherman. Prizes were awarded to the smallest fish, largest fish and most caught.



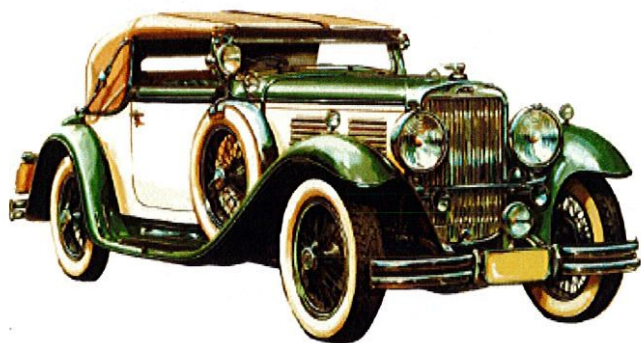
Pictured on the left: Ernie Moon, President of the Park District, with the Fishing Day participants

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6:30 - 9:30pm Frank and Dave Band

Friday, August 3

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8:00 - 11pm Neverly Brothers

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8:00 - 11pm Kickin Jimmy

Sunday, August 5

3:00 - 5:45pm Juke Box Band

6:30 - 9:30pm Whiskey Road



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PRESS RELEASE - June 27, 2018

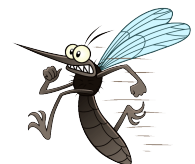
Recent heavy rains combined with warm temperatures will result in a major hatch of the *Aedes vexans* floodwater mosquito. This mosquito is not involved in disease transmission, however is an extremely aggressive biter. This mosquito is migratory by nature, with a flight range of well over 10 miles! Although District operations addressed mosquito production in our area, residents can expect a noticeable increase in adult mosquito annoyance within the next week due to adult mosquito migration.

While nuisance mosquitoes will be the predominant species present, residents are cautioned that the mosquito species involved in West Nile Virus (WNV) transmission is also present in our area. This species is not an aggressive biter with limited flight range, however must not be forgotten. Positive adult mosquito samples for WNV have been found within the District this season. The first human case of WNV was recently found in Chicago. While this is not unusual for this time of year, it does indicate that WNV amplification is increasing and residents need to use precautionary measures.

Residents are encouraged to use a common sense approach in avoiding exposure to adult mosquitoes and any potential mosquito-borne diseases. Window screens should be inspected and repaired if damaged to prevent mosquitoes from entering the home. In addition, any openings around window air conditioners, clothes dryer vents, etc. should be eliminated for the same reason. If possible, avoid outdoor activities around dusk. If not possible, wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Loose fitting, light colored clothing is best. Appropriate use of insect repellents per manufacturer's instructions is recommended.

Residents should look for potential mosquito breeding sources around the home and take the following simple steps:

- 1) Throw away all trash that can hold water as cans, jars, bottles, etc.
- 2) Clean rain gutters/downspouts to prevent water from standing in gutters or on flat roofs.
- 3) Change water in bird baths, wading pools, etc. at least once a week.
- 4) Maintain swimming pools properly.
- 5) Remove or turn over containers, buckets, wheel barrows, etc. which may accumulate water.
- 6) Screen rain barrels to prevent adult mosquitoes from depositing eggs on the water's surface.
- 7) Aerate ornamental ponds and stock with goldfish or other surface-feeding fish to control mosquito production.
- 8) Dispose of properly any used tires without rims to prevent water accumulation.



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Bonnie's Dining & Banquets/ Billiard Club Retiring ...But Not Yet

What does Chicago baseball, billiards and battered chicken have in common? Bonnie's Dining and Banquets is a private billiard club and small banquet/restaurant at 8442 Archer Ave, Willow Springs, IL. It is also a repository of Chicago's history regarding the birth of professional sports, all under the guidance of owners James and Bonnie Parker.

The Illinois Billiard Club (IBC) was founded in 1973 and has operated as a private, members-only billiard club and virtual living museum of billiard collectables dating back to the 1850s. The only known portrait of Tom

Foley, internationally honored billiard champion hangs there; Foley also took it upon himself to sign nine players in 1869 to form Chicago's first professional baseball team.

Collectively for over 73 years The Parkers successfully ran two separate entities uniquely designed under one roof, a public banquet facility plus private billiard club and living museum where after dinner guests are able to interact when playing pool and billiards. Both entities have, for decades, hosted banquets, private parties, anniversaries, graduations, birthdays, showers, weddings, And corporate gatherings.

For banquets, private parties, and most all family or corporate gatherings, the independent or combined use of the Illinois Billiard Club and Bonnie's Dining & Banquets facilities has offered their delicious menu specialties mixed with gaming and history.

"We rehung the picture of Foley in 2016, and I'm not saying there was magic in it, but look what happened to the Cubs," smiled James Parker. "Old Tom knew how to build champions."

Menu and hours have always changed with the seasons, and for three quarters of a century, it has been a legendary gem of a destination.

James and Bonnie Parker summed up a lifetime of unique adventures: "Collectively, between our club and banquet/restaurant we're celebrating our 73rd anniversary. And if you were to add another 35 years that we've operated our electrical contracting corp, Lordy, my wife Bonnie and I have been marching to the beat of our own drum for some 108 years." The Parkers have no definitive

end date in sight; their love of their community keeps it going.



Bonnie's Dining and Banquets has limited hours; to catch a dinner and some gaming, call (708) 839 - 5820.

—Mark Braun



"ALLELUIA"... AFTER 73 YEARS WE DID IT AGAIN!

Lordy, now after 28 years as a Willow Springs IL Banquet & Private Party venue "*Bonnie's Dining & Banquets*" now has an all new sister business under the same roof! - "*Bonnie's Cafe & Slots*"

Bonnie's dine-in or carry-out cafe & slots menu includes, but not limited to ...

The Ice Cream Parlor - Serving Peterson's World Famous Ice Cream & Lezza's Italian Ice.

The Kitchen - Featuring Bonnie's Signature Beer Batter Fried Chicken.

The Steam Table - Offers Bonnie's Chicago Style Hot Dogs!

And from Bonnie's Cozy and Private Gaming Room attractively designed in her cafe, you'll enjoy Exciting & Entertaining Slots & Video Poker machines provided by Accel Entertainment Gaming, LLC.

Sorry, we don't know where Mom is, but we do have Pop on Ice, along with Beer, Wine & Waters.

Watch for "*Bonnie's Cafe & Slots*" Grand Opening this August, 2018.

HOURS - Monday thru Friday - 8 AM till 9 PM / Saturday & Sunday - 10 AM till 10 PM

Be well advised and when visiting *Bonnie's Cafe* ask for a banquet menu and tour of *Bonnie's Dining & Banquets* 100 seat "turn of the 19th century dining room" along with a tour and 46 year history of Bonnie's older sister's business; "*The Illinois Billiard Club*" (IBC). Together, two highly unique venues where today the duo collectively celebrates their 73rd year in the people business and their art of hosting and turning banquets and private parties into ever precious lifetime memories.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

The Illinois Billiard Club's (IBC) Baseball, Billiards & Sports Cartooning exhibit - Aug. 6th thru the 20th

The IBC's 46th Annual 14.1 Straight Pool and Three-cushion Billiard Leagues - beginning Sept 4th

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Monday through Thursday:

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Friday:

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Village Committee/Board Meetings:

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month,

7 p.m.

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Join us for A River Thru History – The Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous on September 8th & 9th 2018 at the Columbia Woods Forest Preserve in Willow Springs!



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A River Thru History is a living history reenactment of early American life, as it was on the Illinois frontier prior to 1848, with emphasis on our local history from the fur trade era to the canal era. The goal of this rendezvous is to be the premier event of this type in this area by creating an exciting, entertaining and educational experience for all ages.

To this end, we strive to create a better understanding and appreciation of our history by allowing the public and the reenactors to mingle, both as witnesses and participants, in our event. Finally, we seek to have the most authentic and highest quality reenactors and trade goods to represent our vision of the rendezvous. This is consistent with the overall goal of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Area, which is to promote and enhance the historic, recreational and economic development of this new style National Park.

For more information visit www.ariverthruhistory.com